St Stephen with St John Westminster

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Weekly Notes

5th July 2026

(The Fifth Sunday after Trinity)

The Week Ahead

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in the Tennant Chapel Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm	
Monday	12:45pm Zumba by Open Age 3.00pm Tea@3 5.00pm Eucharist
Tuesday	10:30am Stitchers 5.00pm Silence
Wednesday	10.15am Baby and Toddler Coffee Morning 12.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Notices

We are delighted to have Revd Ralph Godsall will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination with us at St Stephen's today.

Cantora Concert – Sunday 12 July

We are delighted to welcome Cantora to St Stephen's on Sunday 12 July for a concert of choral classics at 4.00pm. Admission is free, with a retiring collection. Following the concert, Cantora will remain to sing at Evensong, making this a wonderful afternoon of music and worship. Do invite friends and family to join us for what promises to be a memorable occasion.

Choral Evensong – Sunday 19th July at 6pm

The Schola Cantorum of the School of Theology of the University of the South, a seminary (training college) of the Episcopal Church in the United States, will be the choir at Evensong. After St Stephen's, they will be singing at a number of cathedrals across England. Please come!

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The Gathering

Entrance Hymn: O thou who camest from above *NEH 431*

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end

Gradual Psalm

1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Chorus: *You alone are my strength, my shield,*
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

2. I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. ***Chorus***

3. You're my friend and you are my brother,
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything. ***Chorus***

Second Reading: Romans 7.15-25a

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.16-19

Sermon

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u>

In our parish cycle of prayer: *Junior Church and their leaders; JH Kenyon Funeral Directors*

For those who live and work in: *Douglas Street and Stanford Street*

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar: *all political prisoners and refugees in Burma*

We pray for our New York City link parish:
The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for the wider episcopal diocese of New York and its congregational renewal programme

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for the Anglican Church of South America: Brian Williams (Primate, and Bishop of Argentina)*
Linköping (Sweden): Marika Markovits (Bishop)
Confident Disciples: we pray for those working in catering in our city
Kensington Deanery: Andy Buckler (Area Dean)
Deanery Synod: Daniel Gable (Secretary), David Shaw (Treasurer)

Among those who have asked for our prayers:
Marian Hall; Miriam Lesmond; Amal Griffin; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Mark O'Donnell; Michael Cross; Sebastian Carley; Sr Theresa Pountney; Sally Baird; June Woodhead; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Deborah Johnson; Brian Warnke; John Arthur; Kasia Huras; Ian Dewar; Annie Jones; Catherine Hobden; Ralph Godsall; Kathryn Jones; Catherine Barker; Janet Redfern; Steve Waldron; Judith; Sheila Mendez-Perez; Zoe Shelsher

For the Years' Mind of: *Florence Cocksedge; Wing Shin Man; Rose Hooker; Douglas James Brawley; Albert John Edkins; David Armstrong; Thomas Booi; Arthur Woolvett*

Offertory Hymn: Crown him with many crowns *NEH 352*

Offering is available via our collection plate, online at Parish Giving Scheme, through our Contactless Donation Box, or the cash donation box by the North Door at the end of the service.

Communion Anthem:

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Final Hymn: Ye holy Angels Bright *NEH 475*

The Dismissal

Organ Voluntary:

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